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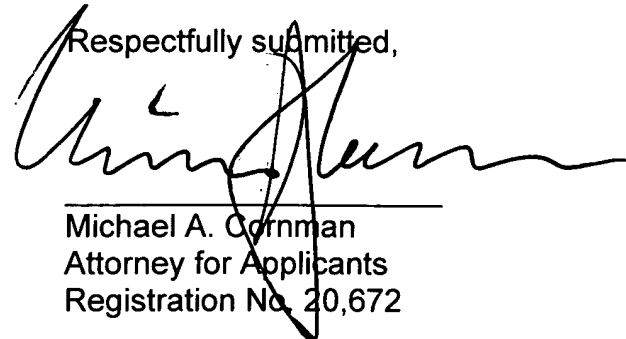
The claims and the drawings have been amended to obviate the objections thereto.

Claim 1 now clearly covers the construction shown for example in Fig. 1 while Claim 2 covers the construction shown for example in Fig. 7.

While the cited prior art is acknowledged to be generally relevant to the folding luggage art, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, indicated to be allowable if properly rewritten, is now allowable along with claim 2 which defines over the cited art. The language of claim 2 is specifically directed to a construction in which the shelf means are removable and connectable to form a second luggage unit. This concept is not shown nor is it suggested in the prior art.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early notice is requested.

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Drawing Amendments:

Substitute the enclosed "replacement sheets" of drawings for Fig. 5 (sheet 4) and for Fig 7 (sheet 6). In Fig. 5, the lead line for reference number 115 has been added. In Fig. 6, reference number 151 and 201 have been added.

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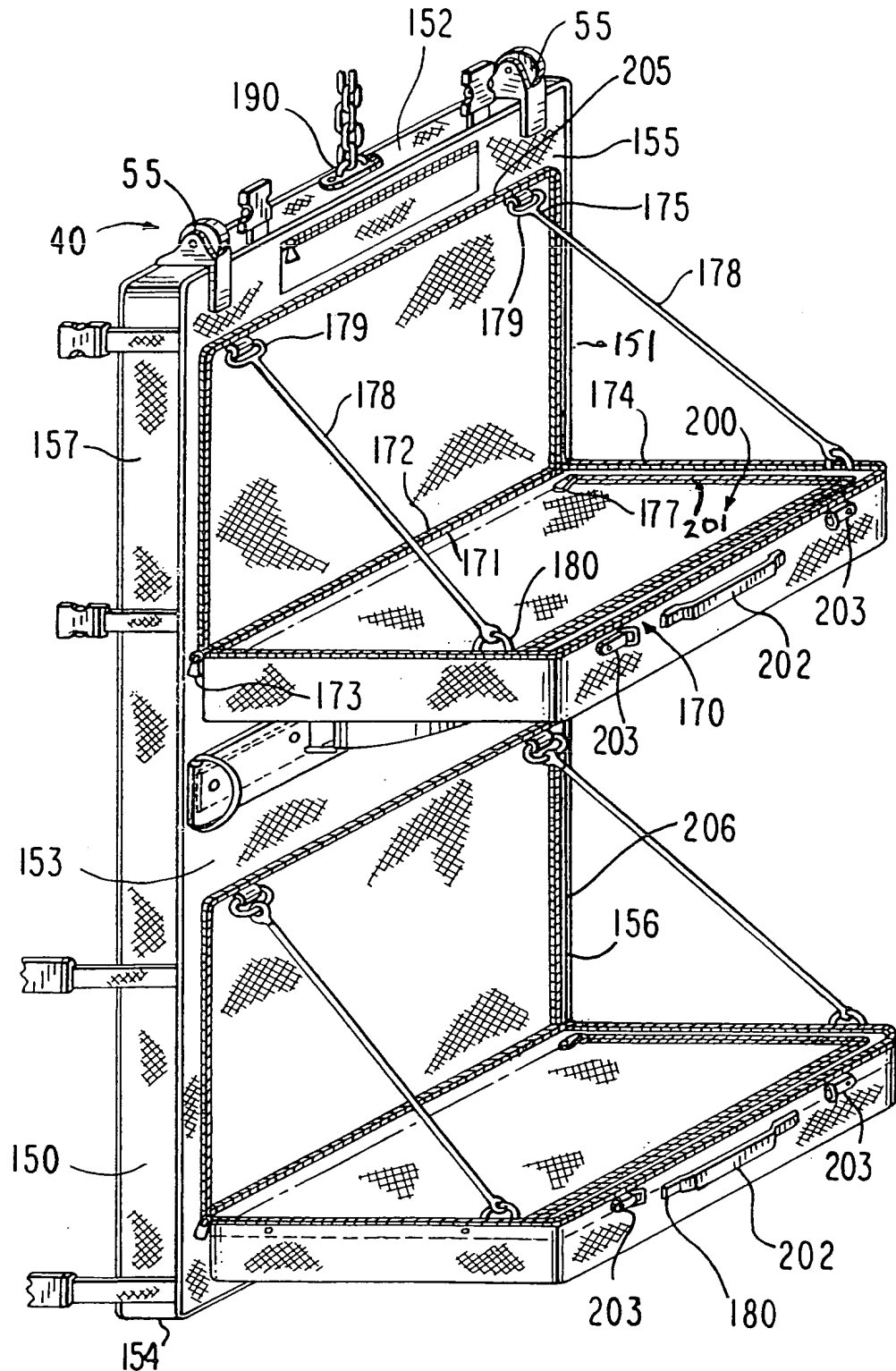


FIG. 7